Jap Villagers Kneel at Mound They Call Christ's Burial Place

TOKYO.—Peasants in a remote northern Japanese village do not celebrate Christmas but they believe Jesus Christ died in Japan.

Nor are they Christians, but each year they kneel before a strange mound which they believe is Christ's burial place.

This takes place at the village of Herai where Buddhists or Shintoists neither each year around a mound surmounted by a pillar on which are three Japanese characters and a six-pointed star composed of interlocking triangles, like the Hebrew emblem.

How this strange tradition arrived in Japan is not known, but visitors notice that the village, which is located in Aomori, near the extreme tip of Honshu island, is no great distance south of Mount Yadaijin, which is pronounced almost like the modern Japanese word for "Jew."

The six-pointed star is completely foreign to the people, yet some peasants are familiar with the Biblical version of Christ's death. The Aomori story, which they have believed for 20 centuries, is this:

During the reign of the Emperor Suinin, the eleventh emperor, a young white man came to live in the district. Twelve years later, at the age of 34, he disappeared. His name was Saitaro.

Fifteen years later he returned and told the people he had been to the land of his birth teaching religion and that, because of his beliefs, had been sentenced to death by crucifixion.

Saitaro is then said to have told the natives that his younger brother, Isskiri, sacrificed his own life on the cross. Then he traveled for four years, across Europe and through Siberia. Finally reaching Aomori again, he died at the age of 109 in the eleventh year of Keiko Tenno's reign.

Near the alleged burial mound is the ruin of a stone building which villagers call "Tsukino-Tatte," the House of the Moon. Many foreign articles are reported to have been unearthed from this place. People say it is the place where Jesus worshiped.

They do not worship His memory in a religious way, nor is the mound especially sacred. They describe Jesus as a "Sei-jin," a saint or wise man.

Meat Packer Donates Food to Needy at Yuletide

DENVER, COLO.—Because Louis K. Sigman sometimes went hungry when he was an orphan boy in the streets of Brooklyn, N. Y., he now gives 50,000 pounds of meat each Christmas for distribution to needy families by a Denver newspaper. This custom, followed the past 10 years, has helped make the holiday season cheery for the destitute. There are 5,000 parcels of 10 pounds each. In the 10-year period, Mr. Sigman has given away more than 250 tons of meat.

"I've had the idea ever since I was a little boy," he said last year. "I was in need a lot of the time myself."

The actual plan for a Christmas meat party came to him after he had observed dozens of adults and children at his packing plant asking for discarded scraps of beef, mutton and pork.

Play safe, drive carefully. The lives of the people in the car ahead of you are precious. You have no right, before God, to endanger those lives by exceeding 55 miles per hour or by trying to pass their car when approaching a curve or hill!

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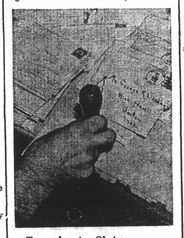
CHRISTMAS MAIL

● *Uncle Sam has a big job this Christmas — he even delivers Santa's mail!*

Last year's Holiday mail was the biggest ever handled by the United States postoffice, and this year's will probably be bigger. Cards, childish letters to Santa Claus, carelessly wrapped and addressed packages and the always-present human element of waiting until the last minute complicate the job. First mail to be handled each year is that for foreign countries, shown above being placed aboard a transatlantic liner. Such packages must be mailed early.



Towns bearing Christmasy names like Santa Claus, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Christmas (they're real towns, too) always have a land-office business in re-mailing cards and packages forwarded from all parts of the country. Above, at Bethlehem, Conn., Postmaster Earl S. Johnson stamps the special postmark used last year. It is the shape of a Christmas tree with the words, "Greetings from the Little Town of Bethlehem." He handles about 80,000 pieces of mail each season.

Pity the poor postman at a time like this! Small town postoffices usually add more clerks at the holiday season. In big cities additional mailmen like these are pressed into service. Uncle Sam does a good job of it—just so your cards and gifts will be delivered by Christmas morning!

Plan Songs, Games To Combat Dullness After Heavy Dinner

For that "stuffy" feeling after a heavy Christmas dinner there's nothing better than a few games to clear the atmosphere. Or, for that matter, any of the following:

Jot down a few parlor games and get together (in advance) whatever paraphernalia you need for them.

Give charades. For this plan what kind (words, proverbs, etc.) and collect some gadgets or "properties" or sketchy costume material—and do it the day before if not sooner.

Let the children give a little play or a little entertainment of singing carols and reciting.

Give a Christmas pageant or dramatize a Christmas carol. This can be done easily in an informal way.

Have a candlelight procession with singing.

Give a little party or invite a few outside grownups and children in for simple refreshments.

Rocks News Events

Rocks, Dec. 6.- Farmers are busy doing their fall plowing.

An old-time quilting was held in the home of Mrs. S. Garinghouse last Thursday. Picnic lunch was served. A mission study class was held in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry St. John, and son, Harry Jr., of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs Percy Carter recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S Ranson and son, William Carroll spent Sunday with her father, W. P. Iseman, of Galts Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Shivley, of Concord and her mother, Mrs. L. L. Stewart and children, of Evergreen visited Mr. and Mrs. A.T.Anderson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Fleahman, of near Evergreen spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Ranson, of Pamplin.

Clarence Edward Almond spent Friday night with Donald and Rodney Roach.

Miss Clara Marsh visited her sister, Mrs. Dean Pugh recently.

Miss Frances Evans, of Appomattox, spent the week-end with her grand-mother, Mrs. W.F. Ranson.

Charlie C. Ranson spent the week-end in Lynchburg.

A. A. Baldwin and Cassie were linner guests of G.H. Ranson and fr. and Mrs. Blass Ranson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Roach received word that their friends, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hoover, of Lake Odessa, Mich., are not so well.

Stonewall Happenings

Stonewall, Dec. 6.- Mrs. C. M. Stratton spent a part of last week at Oakville with her uncle, T. E. Owen.

Miss Eleanor Davidson, of Dendron, spent the week-end with her father, J.O Davidson, near here. She had as her guests for the week-end, Misses Evelyn Goodrich, Ethel Joyner and Clotide Hill, also members of the Dendron high school faculty.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas on December 1, a baby girl, Charleen Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes visited his sister, Mrs. W.S. Bryant at Cullen, last week.

S. E. Anderson underwent an operation for appendicitis Saturday night at Memorial hospital, Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Perrow and family, of Sherwill, spent Sunday with R. L. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bagby, Mrs Charles Reems and Mrs. G.E. LeFew and son, Billy, of Lynchburg, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Eunice Perdieu.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard, of Appomattox, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick.

Miss Nellie Turnes spent Tuesday night with Miss Dot Johnson in Appomattox.

Aubrey Burnette killed a fine turkey last week.

Miss Beatrice Drinkard, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Odelle Drinkard, of Rushburg and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Thomas and daughter, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Miss Nellie Turnes spent Thursday night with Miss Thelma Webb, at Oakville.

The pupils of Stonewall school are enjoying hot lunch each day through aid N.Y.A. lunch room. The lunch room is under the supervision of Mrs. Mildred Alvis, of Appomattox and is operated by Misses Eleanor Jennings, Rebecca Whitten, Rilla Eagle, Mrs. Maxine Story and Mrs. Winston Martin.

My Neighbor Says:

When fish is to be served as the main dish at a dinner, allow one-half pound for each person.

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The reason that we add lemon juice to fish is that its alkaline nature demands something to neutralize it.

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A piece of cheese about the size of a walnut, added to cream soup just before serving, gives it a delicious flavor.

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Add lemon juice to peeled peaches, bananas or other fruits which are apt to turn brown before they are mixed into fruit salad.

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If geraniums grown in the house begin to look scraggy and weak, nipping off the tops will cause branches to start along the stalk.

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House plants do not thrive in a room that is too warm. Keep temperature at 60 or 65 degrees and place plants in a window where they will get sunlight.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for December 10

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REACTIONS TO THE GOOD NEWS

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 11:16-30.

GOLDEN TEXT—Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.—Matthew 11:28-30.

The response which men and women make to the preaching of the gospel today determines their destiny for time and eternity, just as it did when Jesus was first sending out His disciples to preach.

How do you react to the gospel message? Indifference will keep a man from Christ just as effectively as open rejection. A childlike faith, on the other hand, will bring a man into delightful fellowship with Him in both life and service. The Lord gives rest for the soul and companionship in the yokefellowship of Christian service.

I. Childish Dissatisfaction (vv. 16-19).

Jesus, who was skilled in the art of teaching, took a familiar scene from the daily life of the people to show how utterly childish was the criticism of His enemies. Children who were trying to interest their companions, present a wedding scene or a funeral, receive no response. They then try the opposite with no better result.

The ministries of Christ were just like such children, and His enemies are the same today. Opposition to the gospel likes to clothe itself in learned phraseology and express itself in the terms of dignified logic, but in fact it is but an expression of personal feelings encouraged by the devil and altogether like those of disappointed children. Not often does it show its true nature in a forthright expression of unbelief and infidelity, for it prefers to hide behind some self-righteous criticism which it can level against Christian people or against their faith.

Why not be honest, unbeliever who reads these lines, and tell the truth about your reasons for failing to accept Christ. When you do that you will find that they are not reasons at all but only excuses, and there will then be hope for your pentance and conversion.

II. Deadly Indifference (vv. 20-24).

Rejection of Christ may be and all too often is simply indifference to His holy person and work. Jesus pronounced an awful judgment on the cities which had been honored by His presence and His great works, and which should have been awed by His message and power but which had passed Him by in bored indifference.

These again are typical of countless thousands who today comfort themselves by saying, "I do not oppose the Church; I'm not against Christianity. I just don't take any position either for or against." By so doing they have declared themselves to be against Christ. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gatheredh not with me scattereth abroad" (Matt. 12:30). Let not such think for a moment that their judgment shall be less severe than that of the cities of Chorazin and Bethsaida!

III. Childlike Faith (vv. 25, 26).

God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ have a great and loving interest in the touching beauty of the faith of a child. The unquestioning dependence, the absolute assurance of the child heart, these are the things that receive an answer from the Almighty.

This is not intended to reflect in any way on those who may have learning, wisdom and power but who with all have maintained a childlike humility. God knows them and honors and uses them. The point we do want to make is that all too often learning and standing in this world are a barrier between men and God simply because men put their trust in these things and not in Him. It is always a serious matter when a man permits his God-given ability to think, to come between him and God. What folly it is to expect the infinite and eternal God who made all things, including the brain of man, to in turn pass through the narrow compass of finite thinking.

IV. Restful Companionship (vv. 27-30).

A study of the theories and philosophies of this world leads only to unrest. Bewildered and unhappy is the man who puts his trust in them. But in Christ the weary and belabored human soul will find perfect and eternal rest. Why then does the mass of men reject Him to go on to wander in despair?

The rest which we find in Christ is not a useless and inactive repose. Far from it. It is a blessed yokefellowship with Christ in carrying forward His work. Here man finds his real usefulness, for only here is he liberated from the limitations of sin and self and joined in a yoke with the One in whom dwells all wisdom and power.

Russians report advising Rumania to come to terms.

The county board of supervisors will meet next Wednesday.

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Pamplin

Pamplin, Dec. 6.- Mrs Burleigh Turner, of Saxe, was a recent visitor in the home of Miss Eurlean Rosser.

Dinner guests in the home of Miss Eurlean Rosser last Friday were Burleigh Turner, of Saxe, Hugh Galliday and Ellis Moore, of Hampden-Sydney college.

Miss Mittie Cumby and Linford Cumby attended the funeral of their uncle in Roanoke on November 27.

Mr and Mrs. L. Woolridge were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Lucy Dickerson.

Mrs George Williamson, of Lynchburg spent Friday night with her mother, Mrs. Lacy Dickerson.

Miss Pauline Dickerson spent the week-end with Miss Hilda Dinkins, of Appomattox.

Mrs. W. M. Johnson of Richmond spent last week-end with her sister, Miss Mabel Duling.

Billy Ligon spent last week-end at his home.

Mr and Mrs. P. A. Robinson were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. H. T. Terry.

A. J. Panton, Jr., and friends, of Harperville, recently spent a few days in Pamplin.

Dr. and Mrs. C.H. McCall and daughter, Nancy, spent last Friday in Lynchburg.

Friends of Miss Flora Williams are sorry to hear that she is on the sick list.

Locust Grove

Locust Grove, Dec. 5- Frank Chernault, of Buckingham and Bennie Beale spent Saturday night in the home of Willie Beale.

Mr.and Mrs. Julian Beale and daughter, Alice Virginia, of Roanoke are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hamilton.

Mrs. Bennie Beale and daughter, Yvonne and Miss Lorain Hamilton, called on Mrs. Lula Beale Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Coleman.

Colney Garrette, of Lynchburg, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Garrette.

Miss Ida Beale returned Sunday to Lynchburg after spending two weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Lula Beale.

There will be a square dance at Sears on Friday night, December 8, with music by the Beale brothers.

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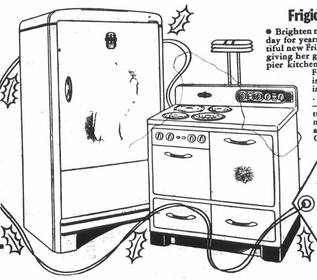
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